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'It's been a great ride'

Geroy Simon. Legendary Rider and future CFL hall-of-famer hangs up his helmet after 15 years

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It's a storybook ending to one of the most memorable careers in Canadian Football League history, as one of this era's all-time greats takes his final bow in the country's top football market.

Future hall of fame receiver Geroy Simon announced his retirement from professional football on Wednesday, months after catching two touchdown passes in leading the Saskatchewan Roughriders to victory in last year's Grey Cup game in Regina.

"It's been a great ride. I've had a lot of fun," Simon, a 15-year CFL veteran, told reporters at Mosaic Stadium. "My playing days are over, but the rest of my career is moving forward."

Simon by the numbers

- 16,352 receiving yards (CFL record)
- 1,029 receptions (CFL record)
- 223 regular-season games
- 103 receiving touchdowns
- 188 consecutive games with a reception
- 63 games with 100 yards or more
- 3 Grey Cup championships: 2006, 2011, 2013
- CFL Most Outstanding Player Award in 2006

The 38-year-old — the league's all-time leader in receptions and receiving yards — will remain with the Riders in an ambassador and scouting position that general manager Brendan Taman said is still being "defined."

"I'm not finished with football," Simon said of his new position. "It's more of a transition than anything."

After being acquired in early 2013 from the B.C. Lions, he played in a reduced role in his one season with the Green and White.

Simon didn't enjoy the same prominence he had earned during his 12 seasons in British Columbia, where he won two championships, and was viewed as one of many talents dotting a potent Saskatchewan receiving corps.

Still, it was a historic year for the Johnstown, Pa., native. Simon surpassed Ben Cahoon to become the CFL's career receptions leaders during a game in August against the Montreal Alouettes.

He closed out the 2013 season by making his first touchdown catch in a Grey Cup game.

"I've accomplished what I expected to accomplish here, not only (for) myself but for the team and the organization," Simon added. "It was a great year."

Saskatchewan Roughriders receiver Geroy Simon announces his retirement from the CFL on Wednesday at a press conference at Mosaic Stadium in Regina. MICHAEL BELL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NEWS 1

French-language funding leads to clashing views

Education debate. NDP urges province to offer strapped board money to pay teachers in June, but government says no

The Saskatchewan NDP is urging the province to hike funding to the Conseil des Écoles Fransaskoises (CEF) due to concerns that the francophone board might need to delay paying its teachers until it receives its next government allotment.

Trent Wotherspoon, education critic for the New Democrats, wants the government to agree to a mid-term funding adjustment for French-language schools to ensure that the board can meet its fiscal obligations.

"The francophone school division has reached a tipping point," Wotherspoon said, referring to a CEF request to delay a payday for June.

"It's appalling and concerning that this government is failing to support education."

The Saskatchewan Party government, however, maintains that it has made significant investments in improving French-language education, including with an increase in funding of about $3 million to the CEF in its 2014-15 budget.

Education Minister Don Morgan said the government spends, on average, about $9,000 more per student on the francophone division than on the public and Catholic systems.

"They will be, by far, the best-funded school division in the province," Morgan told Metro.

"(Their funding) continues to go up ... substantially."

Morgan added that the government is open to allowing the CEF to tap into its next allotment earlier to meet payroll obligations.

News of the francophone board's funding shortfall comes on the heels of an announcement that the Conseil Scolaire Fransaskois — which oversees the CEF — has cut back on its spending by $4.4 million to improve its financial stability.

MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO

Honoured with an honorary doctor of laws

University of Regina president and vice-chancellor Vianne Timmons presents award-winning runner and humanitarian Ted Jaleta with an honorary doctor of laws degree at the university's 40th spring convocation on Wednesday at Conexus Arts Centre. Jim Tomkins, U of R chancellor, is seated to the left. Jaleta, a refugee from Ethiopia, was inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum in 2005 for long-distance running. He continues to coach runners and delivers motivational speeches across Saskatchewan.

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Environment Minister Ken Cheveldayoff SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO

Environment

Regina's air quality 'good to excellent,' report says

The air quality in Regina's neighbourhoods and industrial areas is "good to excellent," a report says.

Initiated by the provincial Ministry of Environment, the one-year Air Quality Monitoring Study is the first of its kind in Saskatchewan.

"When you ask somebody, they would say they think our air quality is pretty good — but now we have confirmation of that," Environment Minister Ken Cheveldayoff told media on Wednesday at the legislative grounds in Regina.

According to the report, Regina's air quality poses a low health risk as it was 97 per cent safe during the testing period. The next monitoring study will begin in Saskatoon this summer.

The province also announced the creation of the Great Plains Air Zone, which encompasses Regina, Moose Jaw and Yorkton.

Air zones are regions that have similar air quality characteristics. The zones allow organizations to easily pinpoint issues within the areas. Saskatchewan has three air zones, including the newly created one.

"When I talked to other ministers of environment across the country, they were very interested in the work we've done on air zones," Cheveldayoff said.

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$502 million spent

Auditor points to gaps in province's electronic health records system

The latest report by Saskatchewan's auditor reveals major gaps and inconsistencies in the government's electronic health records system.

Acting auditor Judy Ferguson says the government started the system in 1997 and it doesn't know when it will be done or how much it will cost.

The provincial government has so far spent $502 million on the system.

Ferguson says different health regions are at different stages of implementation, which is causing lots of problems.

The report says some patients carry their own records between hospitals and clinics because a comprehensive record of their health information is not accessible between different health regions and organizations.

Ferguson calls gaps in the system "troubling," adding that they create delays in patient care and can lead to duplicate and unnecessary medical tests.

"In order to realize those benefits, you have to get it substantively done," said Ferguson.

She wants to see the province standardize the data that goes into the electronic record. Ferguson also says more money needs to be pumped into the technology that is needed for the system to flourish.

She also wants the government to implement a multi-year operational plan.

The auditor's report also touched on wastewater system regulation.

It outlined ways the Water Security Agency can better regulate public wastewater systems so that risks to the environment and the public from improperly treated wastewater are reduced.

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Mosaic Fest diversifies with mobile app, more pavilions

Cultural celebration. Multicultural council tries to access new audience for 47th year

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Regina's 47th annual Mosaic Festival of Cultures is further diversifying by adding a mobile application and three pavilions to its offerings.

The festival, organized by the Regina Multicultural Council (RMC), celebrates various ethno-cultural groups and runs from Thursday to Saturday at locations across the city.

Part of the RMC's focus this year, says executive director Annette Summerfield, is engaging festival-goers through social media.

"We've really gone mobile this year," Summerfield said on Wednesday.

"We're trying to engage the youth and ... using technology to manoeuvre through territories we weren't so familiar with."

The festival has introduced a social media app accessible through reginamosaic.ca. The free app features pavilion menus, locations, transit times and entertainment schedules.

A social media street team will also use the RMC's Twitter account (@RMCMosaic) to give updates from pavilions.

Other than expanding its social media reach, the RMC has brought in three additional pavilions.

The Punjabi, Bangladeshi and Russian pavilions will join 18 others that traditionally exhibit at Mosaic.

Punjabi pavilion manager Subby Sidhu said he and his team want to show Reginans the culture of the northwestern Indian state of Punjab.

"Some of our traditions are different from that of the Hindi community," Sidhu said, "and we just want to show how vibrant and colourful it all is."

Food at the pavilion includes Indian delicacies such as butter chicken, mango lassi and roti, among others.

"We want to be the party pavilion, so we'll have people dancing bhangra to really fast drumbeats ... and guests popular in the Punjabi community," Sidhu said.

The pavilion at the Core Ritchie Neighbourhood Centre will have 11 booths including a beer tent, henna station and palm-reading stall.

"We want to make this one a success," Sidhu said, "and hopefully go from there."

Punjabi-palooza

"We want to be the party pavilion, so we'll have people dancing bhangra to really fast drumbeats ... and guests popular in the Punjabi community."

Subby Sidhu, manager of the Mosaic Festival of Cultures' Punjabi pavilion, which will be offering food and music native to the northwestern Indian state of Punjab

Punjabi organizers, from left, Karen Dhaliwal, Subby Sidhu, Charanjit Singh Khuber and Hardev Singh pose by a sign welcoming festival-goers to their pavilion at the Core Ritchie Neighbourhood Centre. The pavilion is a new addition to Regina's annual Mosaic Festival of Cultures, which runs from Thursday to Saturday. SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO

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Pimps and johns targeted in Tories' 'made-in-Canada' prostitution bill

Justice Minister Peter MacKay takes questions from reporters on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday. The Conservative government has introduced legislation that targets johns and pimps. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Legislation. New list of offences intended to reduce demand for sex services and protect sex workers: Conservatives

The Conservative government has introduced legislation to criminalize the purchase of sexual services.

The long-awaited bill would also crack down on those who reap a material benefit from prostitution.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay says the "made-in-Canada" model is aimed at targeting johns and pimps while protecting the vulnerable.

The new prostitution-related offences are intended to reduce demand for sexual services and protect those who sell such services from exploitation, as well as shield children and communities, the government says.

The bill would create new offences for:

— The purchase of sexual services and communicating in any place for that purpose.

— Receiving a financial or material benefit from the prostitution of others, including through businesses that sell the sexual services of others online or out of venues such as escort agencies, massage parlours, or strip clubs that also provide sexual services.

— Advertising the sale of sexual services in print media or on the Internet.

— Communicating for the purpose of selling sexual services in public places where a child could reasonably be expected to be present.

The legislation is the government's response to a Supreme Court of Canada decision in December that struck down key provisions of the country's prostitution laws.

While the court ruled the laws were unconstitutional, it gave the government a year to replace them.

Under the old laws, prostitution itself was legal but almost all related activities — including communicating in a public place for the purposes of prostitution, pimping and running a brothel — were criminal offences.

The new bill comes just two days after the Justice Department released the results of an online consultation that showed that a slim majority of respondents felt that buying sex should be illegal.

However, two-thirds of the more than 31,000 respondents said they thought selling sex should not be an offence.

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Toronto uses tower power in branded condom rollout

Toronto unwrapped its very own city-branded condom design Wednesday, featuring the phallic point of the CN Tower and three aptly chosen city street signs: Cummer Avenue, Wood Street and Coxwell Avenue.

Toronto Public Health tweeted out the design of "condomTO" in six separate tweets, starting at 9 a.m.

A message on the condom's package reads, "No matter which way you go, put it on!"

The condom, launched by the health agency, comes two weeks before World Pride celebrations kick off in the city on June 20.

Dr. David McKeown, the city's medical officer, says the condom's main goal is to get Torontonians talking about safe sex — and using condoms.

"This is a lighthearted approach to what is a serious subject," he said. "We want to raise awareness and try something new and different to get people thinking about safer sex. We're trying to make it something that people in Toronto will talk about."

About 60 people die from HIV in Toronto annually, he added. Using condoms is an effective way to prevent sexually transmitted diseases but statistics show many people choose not to use them.

The AIDS Committee of Toronto welcomed the move by Toronto Public Health, but pointed out only men's, not women's, condoms were available.

"The message doesn't start and end with condoms in a bowl," said spokesman Rafay Agha.

"But kudos to Toronto Public Health. The more safer-sex options people have, the better. It's also a great starting point for a conversation. Our symbol of the city is a phallic building."

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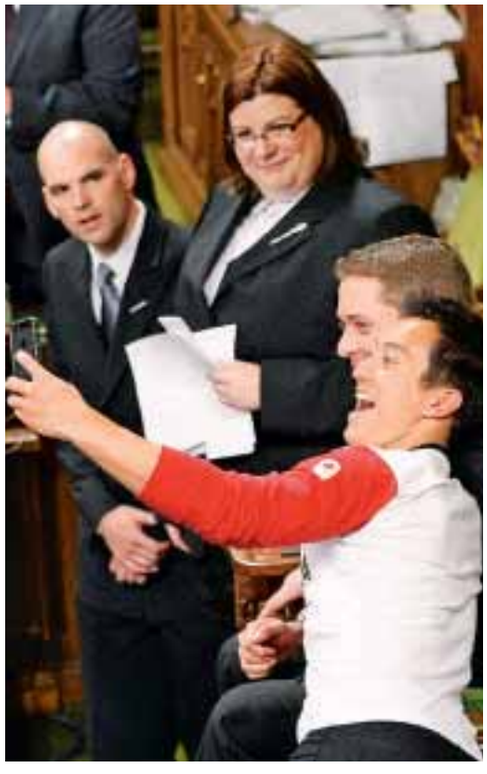
First of its kind

This is the first Canadian city-branded condom that McKeown is aware of.

- Other major cities in North America, including Los Angeles and New York, have their own branded condoms.



Every Chan for him-selfie

Canadian Olympic figure skater Patrick Chan takes a selfie with House Speaker Andrew Scheer as Olympic athletes were honoured in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday.

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Toronto

Man faces charges for indecent act with cucumber

A Toronto man is facing charges after police allege he committed an indecent act in a library while holding a cucumber.

Police say officers were called to a library in the city's northeast end on May 31 for what was described as a "suspicious incident."

Fredrick Tennyson Davis, 49, is charged with committing an indecent act and two counts of failing to comply with probation.

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Florida

After pulling over detective, phoney cop in real trouble

Police say a man impersonating an officer faces charges after signalling a real detective to pull over on a road in Florida.

Authorities say 20-year-old Matthew Michael Lee McMahon activated a red and blue light Monday while driving behind an unmarked sheriff's car.

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Moncton police pursue shooting suspect after deadly rampage

Tragedy. Police were looking for Justin Bourque, 24, a Moncton man last night following a violent spree

Three police officers were killed and two others injured in Moncton, N.B. Wednesday night, shutting down the city as police went on a manhunt for the shooter.

RCMP in New Brunswick said on its Twitter feed that they were looking for 24-year-old Justin Bourque of Moncton. The police force tweeted an image of a suspect wearing military camouflage and wielding two guns.

The RCMP released its first information on the shooting at about 9:15 p.m. through Twitter.

RCMP in New Brunswick posted this photo of suspect Justin Bourque on Twitter.

Heavily armed police in Moncton look for a shooter Wednesday night following the shooting deaths of three fellow officers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

It confirmed the deaths of the three officers on Twitter at 11 p.m., tweeting: "3 officers mortally wounded by shooter. 2 officers sustained non life threatening injuries. Shooter still actively sought."

The Horizon Health Network, the province's largest health authority, said on its Twitter feed that two patients were taken to the Moncton Hospital with gunshot wounds.

Const. Damien Theriault said police were urging people in the area to stay inside their homes and lock their doors.

Drivers were also asked to stay out of the area.

"We're advising people to stay inside until further notice," Theriault said.

Federal Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney tweeted, "Shocked by the tragedy in #Moncton. Thoughts and prayers with our frontline @rcmpgrcpolice officers and families."

Theriault said the search for the suspect was concentrated in the area of Ryan Street and Hildegarde Road.

His voicemail later said that the RCMP were searching for the suspect in the area of the Moncton Coliseum.

Sean Gallacher, who lives near the area where police were concentrating their search, said he heard what he now believes were gunshots but initially thought his daughter had dropped some toys on the floor above him.

"Then I heard the news and realized what it actually was." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sweet to sour. Burt of Burt's Bees buzzed back to Maine after love affair with staffer

Conventional wisdom suggests the Burt behind Burt's Bees left the company after he became disillusioned with the corporate world in North Carolina and wanted to return to his solitary life in Maine.

The reality, Burt Shavitz says, is that he was forced out by co-founder Roxanne Quimby after he had an affair with an employee.

So the man on the Burt's Bees logo that promises "Earth-friendly natural personal care products" ended up with 37 acres in Maine, and an undisclosed sum of money.

And he's not complaining.

"In the long run, I got the land, and land is everything. Land is positively everything. And money is nothing really worth squabbling about. This is what puts people six feet under. You know, I don't need it," he told a filmmaker on the property where the company was launched in the 1980s.

The reclusive beekeeper whose simple life became complicated by his status as a corporate icon is now the subject of a documentary, Burt's Buzz, which opens Friday in cities including New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Chicago, Phoenix and Cleveland.

Burt Shavitz stands on his property in Parkman, Maine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Interviewed by The Associated Press on his land in Maine, Shavitz declined to discuss his relationship with Quimby.

"What I have in this situation is no regret," he said, sitting in a rocking chair. "The bottom line is she's got her world and I've got mine, and we let it go at that."

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Get white-glove service ... for $21,500 a night

As the gap between the wealthiest travellers and everyone else has widened, high-rollers are looking for ever-more pampering. Luxury hotels are arising even at iconic middle-American tourism spots such as Walt Disney World. Case in point: this Abu Dhabi Suite at the St. Regis in Abu Dhabi. The nearly 24,0000-square-foot two-storey suite, which sells for a nightly rate of $21,500 US, is suspended 720 feet above the ground between the two buildings of the Nation Towers development. It has three bedrooms, a spa, a cinema, a bar area, two kitchens and a 360-degree panoramic view of the city, the islands, and the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque. The suite has 19 chandeliers made of Bohemian crystal, and an elevator that takes guests to ground level in total privacy, bypassing the rest of the hotel. KAMRAN JEBREILI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fraud

America catching up to Canada with card microchips

Sam's Club on Wednesday said it will become the first mass retailer in the U.S. to offer a credit card using a fraud-deterring microchip.

Visa and MasterCard are pushing for the adoption of microchips, which they say have helped reduce fraud in Canada, Mexico and most of Western Europe.

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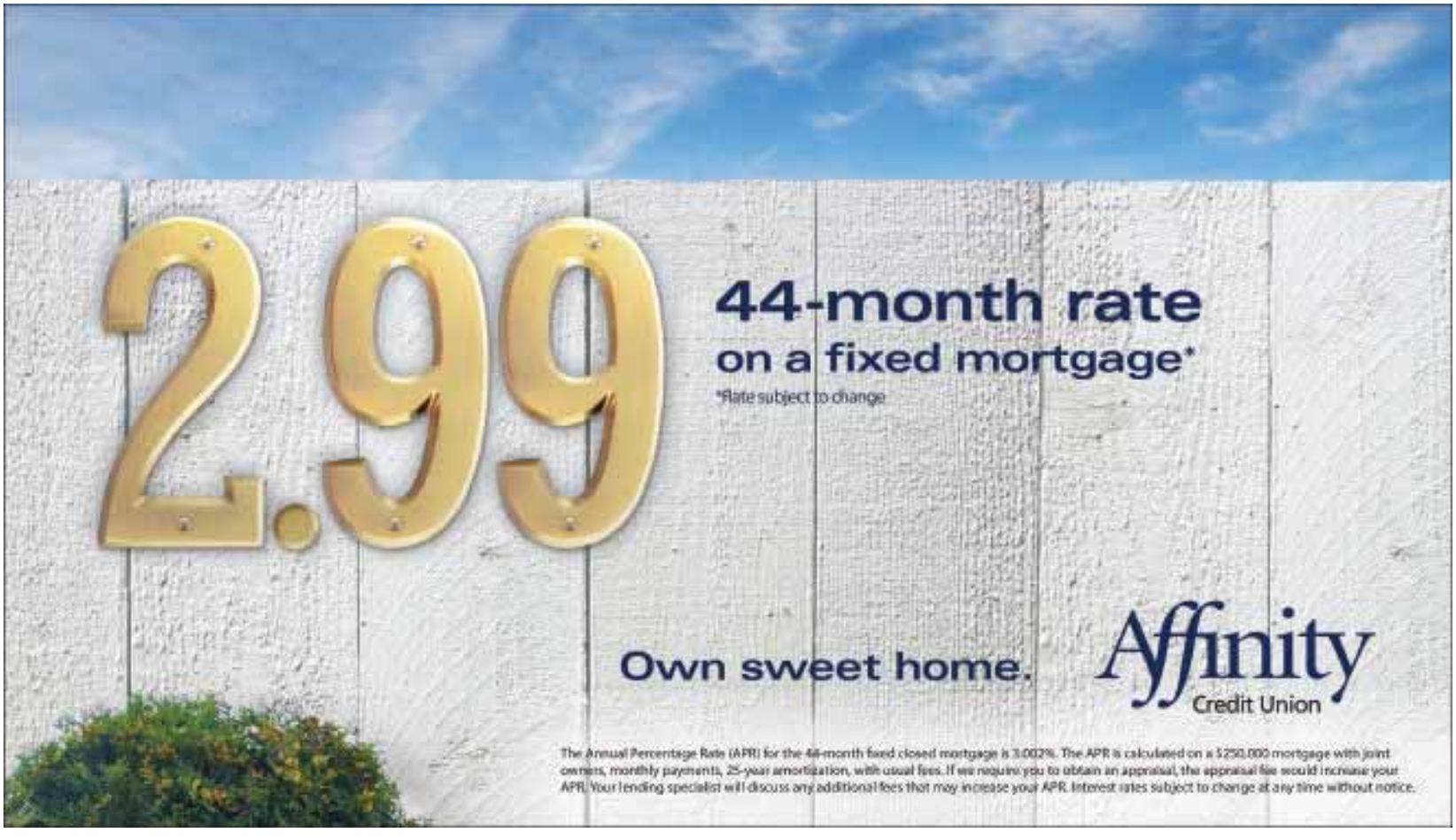
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GAME OF BLEEDING RAINBOWS & BAD ACCENTS

HE SAYS

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Game of Thrones is one of the most intensely loved shows in the history of television, which is interesting for a show that does not love you back.

The sword-and-sorcery-and-rape-and-decapitation fantasy series has its moments of joy and hope, but they're mostly there so they can be snatched away from you, like a child's toy, your shocked face part of the latest YouTube reaction montage.

Author George R.R. Martin wrote the books the series is based on, so he can be blamed for most of the emotional wallop. Then the show producers looked at a book series full of sexual assault, decapitation, castration and people getting slaughtered at weddings and said, "Hey, could be worse. Let's make it worse!"

It all came to a head in the most recent episode as the emotional and physical pain combined perfectly when (spoiler!) a much-loved character had his skull slowly crushed ON SCREEN, destroying hope and brains in equal measure. (Double spoiler!: He died.)

The impact of that scene had me thinking about what Martin could have done with some of television's most famous programs.

If all TV were like Game of Thrones …

* If Martin had written **Seinfeld**, the Master of My Domain episode would have been about who can go the longest without losing their genitals.

* If Martin had written **Reading Rainbow**, the theme song would have been, "Butterfly in the sky/Loses its wings and dies/Dare to look/Within my book/A Bleeding Rainbow (death by crossbow!)"

* If Martin had written **WKRP,** Les Nessman's cuts would have been fatal.

* If Martin had written **The Mary Tyler Moore Show**, Mary would have thrown her hat in the air and been hit by a truck.

* If Martin had written **The Wire**, the mayor of Baltimore would have been a conniving narcissist with unbridled lust for power and women, played by an Irish actor with a deeply unconvincing accent.

* If Martin had written **Friends**, one episode would have been called The One About the Incestuous Rape Over the Barely Warm Corpse of Their Child.

* If Martin had written **The X-Files**, Scully would say there are no such thing as dragons while a dragon was eating her.

* If Martin had written **Freaks and Geeks**, it would be Carrie.

* If Martin had written **The Daily Show with Jon Stewart**, your Moment of Zen would be the anguished screams of the dying.

* If Martin had written **The Larry Sanders Show**, it would be exactly the same. He loves that guy.

As you can see, I'm sort of obsessed. I feel like if the show has gotten us this invested, it must take a happy turn soon, right? I've got a good feeling about next week. And if the good guys don't start winning, I swear, heads will roll.

ZOOM

But is it cat?

Felines: 'The universal mode of communication'

SVETLANA PETROVA
Artist based in St. Petersburg, Russia

After her mother died, artist Svetlana Petrova went into a deep depression. A friend suggested dressing up Zarathustra, the kitty Petrova inherited from her mom, in costumes for a photo session as a pick-me-up. But the cat was so fat that he couldn't fit into anything. Instead, Petrova photoshopped him into works of art. Metro sat down with Petrova to get more details.

Are you a big fan of memes?
I love the concept. If I were to return to university I'd write a thesis on it. But I want to make memes that are pretty. Many memes are just plain ugly.

Why do cats have such appeal? Cats are the universal mode of communication. We may all speak different languages but we're all lovers of cats. They're a way of bringing us together to do good. For example, two years ago there was Hank, a cat that ran for the U.S. senate. For his campaign, I helped design some fake dollar bills with his picture on them. The project raised a lot of money for animal charities in the U.S. and Russia. So we managed to do good, not through people but through a cat. METRO

The Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci gets a ginger fat cat addition. Below: catified versions of Portrait of an Unknown Woman in Russian Costume by Ivan Argunov and Bogatyrs by Viktor Vasnetsov. COURTESY SVETLANA PETROVA

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Man goes in search of lost time on a motorbike

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Every corner of the world is more connected than ever, but what about our connection to the past?

Douglas Gautraud's romanticizing of another time and his ties to his grandfathers left him wanting something outside of living life online. So, much to his mother's chagrin, he bought a motorcycle.

What follows is an endearing story about how two wheels and an engine help a man explore his relationship with his elders, and how it became his "Mom's Motorcycle." (Via Douglas Gautraud/YouTube)

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SCENE 2

Jazz and South African folk in honour of Mandela, naturally

Lorraine Klaasen. The Montreal-based singer, one of Madiba's faves, is coming to the Queen City for JazzFest Regina

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Jazz songstress Lorraine Klaasen performs at the Festival International de Jazz de Montréal in 2013. COURTESY JUSTIN TIME RECORDS

Not many artists could say that they're heroes and freedom fighters in their own right.

But Juno Award-winning, Montreal-based South African jazz artist Lorraine Klaasen can.

After campaigning against apartheid, Klaasen's South African citizenship was revoked in the '60s and she subsequently spent 30 years in exile.

The fiery yet soulful songstress didn't let that hurdle deter her from being a voice for her homeland.

"I think they respect that even though I came overseas, I never forgot my culture," said Klaasen, who won the 2013 Juno World Music Album of Year category for her latest album, A Tribute to Miriam Makeba.

On June 15, as a part of JazzFest Regina, Klaasen will bring her own breed of jazz to the Queen City by fusing the genre's rhythmic swing and syncopation with traditional folk songs heard in small South African townships.

"Living in Canada, it's very multicultural," Klaasen started. "So it's very important that in my music, people can hear the rhythms and envision the different parts of the world they're coming from."

Reputed to be one of Nelson Mandela's favourite singers — along with her mother, legendary jazz great Thandi Klaasen — Lorraine Klaasen will aptly feature in the festival's tribute to the late South African president.

Recently, she performed during Mandela's funeral in South Africa.

Klaasen's singing in the festival highlights a new focus of JazzFest Regina on bringing in multicultural talents that better tell listeners the story of the jazz genre, which has given rise to distinctive styles all over the world.

"We live in the rainbow nation, since it's a reflection of different colours just like jazz," she said. "And that's what I want to show in my music."

Lorraine Klaasen performs at Regina's City Square Plaza at 1 p.m. on June 15 during JazzFest Regina. Tickets to the event are free. JazzFest Regina runs from June 10 to 15 all over the Queen City.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

50 blames his terrible pitching on too much hand practice

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News in New York City

50 Cent is sure living life to the fullest this summer. First he throws the worst first pitch ever at a Mets game. Then he has a rival robbed onstage. Now he says he masturbated so much he hurt his bones.

No, not that bone.

Fiddy is blaming that dismal first pitch on a sort of repetitive stress injury. In his Reddit AMA Tuesday, he said, "I have a skeletal muscle injury from excessive masturbation so take it easy lol."

Will do! Then again, most of us do not have to pitch at Major League baseball games, so we are free to abuse ourselves as extravagantly as we choose, no matter how fraught with peril our technique may be.

In that same AMA, 50 Cent also said he used to bench press 405 pounds, so perhaps the injury had other causes. He also showed his nerdy side: When asked what would be his dream movie role, he replied, "One of the Marvel franchise. Or Star Wars."

Just be careful how many times you swing the light sabre.

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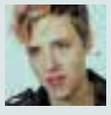

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The guy down the street listens to talk radio with this front door open, like it's his job to scare the kids in the neighbourhood.

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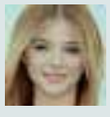
We are so lucky that the great escape artists like Harry Houdini aren't also serial killers who can't be locked up.



@ChloeGMoretz
up till 2 writing school essay before my press day tomorrow

John Mayer ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

In post-breakup, Mayer becomes muse to Katy Perry

At this point, we'll soon be able to put out a compilation album of songs written about John Mayer. His most recent ex, Katy Perry, tells Cosmopolitan that fans shouldn't be surprised to hear some tunes on forthcoming albums inspired by their breakup. "There's no bad blood, but I'm sure there will be inspired songs," she tells the magazine.

Taylor Swift, another of Mayer's exes, also penned a tune or two about the singer.

Mayer, for his part, isn't too worried about the output. "I have super-strength for gang-ups," he tells TMZ. "I'm fine. That's what you're supposed to do, man. You're supposed to write songs. You're just not supposed to tell everybody you're doing it."

Kourtney Kardashian

Kourtney Kardashian is expecting, many selfies to follow

The Kardashian-Jenner family may still be on a high from Kim's wedding, but now they have another reason to celebrate. Kourtney and boyfriend Scott Disick are reportedly expecting their third child. Us Weekly is reporting that she is a few months along, and you can count on the mag — as well as other tabloids — to document her ever-growing bump throughout the coming months.

So far, the couple and the Kardashian clan haven't officially announced the pregnancy in the press or on social media. But you know this family can't keep quiet for long.

Kardashian and Disick have two children together already.

Sofia Vergara

Loeb's pals couldn't be happier about split from Sofia Vergara

Last month, Sofia Vergara announced the end of her two-year engagement to Nick Loeb, and apparently his friends are thrilled by the news, according to Page Six. "I'm happy to see her go. Good riddance," one of businessman Loeb's pals said, shooting down claims that Loeb was using the relationship to ride Vergara's coattails.

According to the friend, the Modern Family actress was "rude" during group dinners, ignoring others and constantly checking her phone and Twitter account. "She only joins the conversation if it's about her."

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LIFE 3

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More pledges, more product

Net those customers.
Fashion designers are turning to crowdfunding to boost brand buzz, profile and bottom line

Sunny Fong recently reached out to online donors to expand his VAWK label. In a video on his Indiegogo fundraising page, Fong appealed for help to stage his World MasterCard Fashion Week runway show in Toronto in March as well as aid to launch his label's first online store. KEITH BEATY / TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dylan Uscher works mainly with independent boutiques to feature his creations, but the designer hopes that crowdfunding will help elevate his label from budding brand to booming success.

The self-taught American designer recently moved back to Boston after eight years in Toronto where he launched Dylanium Knits in 2010.

Uscher has partnered with Luevo — a Canadian crowdfunding platform for designers — to help pre-sell his fall collection of knitwear inspired by Florentine architecture. His online campaign ends June 15.

"It's always a struggle when you're an independent business owner because you have to work really hard to get the very little that you have," Uscher said. "This just seemed like a really great outlet to try and get some new sales."

All items in his collection featured on Luevo are 15 per cent less than the suggested retail price.

And Uscher will only produce them if the products reach designated targets among customers who've pledged to purchase the designs, which include scarves, a slouch hat and cape.

"Instead of using hypothetical market research or numbers that someone else has designed, you can put your own products out there and really test ... what products are going to work and what colours work and what doesn't," Uscher said.

"I think that's the really interesting way to approach it without having to go through all of the process of producing the items yourself and hoping that they sell."

Luevo co-founder Ana Caracaleanu said the site launched with its first designers in March and plans to keep the number of labels featured in their "curated marketplace" to under 10 for now, with campaigns of 30 to 45 days.

Luevo takes a 15 per cent commission from successfully funded projects but also works to support designers in other ways such as editing news releases and producing written content, she added.

"For the designers, the value that we bring is our technology to crowdsource items that are not yet produced. They don't have to pull the inventory," Caracaleanu said. "They could use us as a step in growing their businesses or scaling up, and then taking their productions to a larger site where they may be requested to have ... the inventory to put their items there."

Christopher Charlesworth is co-founder of HiveWire, a crowdfunding and crowdsourcing solutions provider. He isn't surprised to see designers pursuing crowdfunding as capital- and buzz-building strategy.

"We think there's a really unique opportunity for not only startup entrepreneurs but specifically for fashion designers because they can present truly unique wares that are literally unavailable quite often in any other place.

"For many startup designers, they don't have access to the traditional distribution channels. Crowdfunding allows them to connect directly with a unique audience that is potentially interested in their goods."

The platform also offers the opportunity to take risks with designs they might not be able to produce when dealing with a mainstream chain, Charlesworth noted.

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THIS EXTER SLOUCH HAT IN SILVER FROM DYLANIUM KNITS RETAILS FOR $105 BUT IS CURRENTLY SELLING ON LUEVO FOR $89.

The pros and cons of the crowdsourcing concept

Darren Meister, an associate professor of business at Western University in London, Ont., said he thinks a bigger risk from a fashion perspective is the ability to see the designs — and potential interest from consumers — posted online for all to see. That includes major retailers who may jump on creating their own versions.

- Yet Meister said he also sees the possibility of rewards for emerging designers using the platform to make their mark, and some sales in the process.
- What the crowdfunding model allows you is to try a more things, get more immediate feedback and improve your designs, he said. "If I'm a designer and I put up 20 designs and I see these three are the ones that are catching on, I'm probably going to focus on those three."

E-xclusivity

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Jean

Age: 25

Occupation: Fashion writer

What she's wearing
U.S.A. hat, Cos dress, vintage jacket, Danier bag, Nike shoes, and sunglasses from a small boutique in Koreatown.

Her inspiration
"I'm usually a product of my environment. But many of my outfits are inspired by a children's book called Baseball Ballerina: Mixing elegance with tomboy touches."

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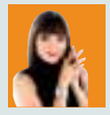

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Most treasured footwear: The late Pat McDonagh gave me these shoes Dorothy Lamour wore in the 1947 film, Road to Rio

Cookbook of the Week

The B.C. coast comes to your home

Sophisticated Bohemian (Sobo) has gone from food truck to destination restaurant in Tofino, B.C. to a cookbook. Lisa Ahier (the restaurant's chef and owner) has teamed up with Andrew Morrison (a food writer) for a release that focuses on locally sourced, seasonally inspired ingredients — just like the restaurant that inspired it. Among the 100 recipes included are: Crab and Goat Cheese Wontons, BBQ Bison Flank Streak, Thai Chicken in Roti, Mascarpone Cheesecake and more. METRO

The best of the west: Killer Fish Tacos

Lunch or dinner. Nothing screams summer more than fresh fruit, and this recipe takes nature's and mixes it with crispy fish

"I've always adjusted this recipe according to what fish is readily available. In New York, I used snapper, and in Texas, I used bass," writes Lisa Ahier in her book The Sobo Cookbook.

"Here in B.C., salmon and halibut have become my all-time favourites. This recipe was featured in The Best American Recipes 2000, edited by Fran McCullough and Suzanne Hamlin, and in The Gourmet Cookbook, edited by Ruth Reichl."

1. Prepare the fresh fruit salsa.

2. Cut the salmon and halibut into 1-inch cubes and season with salt.

3. Heat the oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Add the onion and sauté for 1 minute. Add the fish and fry for about 3 minutes, until just cooked Add the chipotle chilies and sauté for 2 or 3 more minutes. Remove from the heat.

4. Fill the taco shells halfway with the fish mixture, then top with the salsa. Serve immediately, two tacos per person.

Fresh Fruit Salsa

This salsa should reflect the season, so don't be a slave to the recipe. I mix it up all the time, combining fruits like peaches and blueberries with watermelon, or pineapple with avocado. Buy what's fresh.

1. Combine all ingredients and refrigerate until ready to use. This salsa will stand up for about 24 hours, after which time the fruit begins to break down.

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Ingredients

- Fresh Fruit Salsa (see below)
- 1 lb wild salmon, boneless and skinless
- 1 lb halibut, bonelesss and skinless
- 1 tbsp salt
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 cup small-diced red onion (about 1 onion)
- 1/2 cup puréed canned chipotle chilies in adobo sauce
- 16 crispy hard taco shells

Fresh Fruit Salsa

- 4 kiwi fruits, diced small
- 1/2 pineapple, diced
- 1 mango, diced small
- 1 small papaya, diced small
- 2 avocados, diced small
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro

This recipe serves eight. JEREMY KORESKI

Turf the mower and go wild

Let nature have its way with your lawn. Wildflowers, native species are alternatives to traditional grass turf

It's the time of year when homeowners devote countless hours to keeping their lawns lush and green only to have watering restrictions imposed by many municipalities later in the season — causing lawns to dry out and even turn brown.

All that time and labour invested in keeping a lawn green with sometimes a disappointing outcome is leading many homeowners to consider alternatives.

Christian Barnard, owner of Victoria's Christian Barnard Land Studio, says many of his clients are beginning to ask him about options other than traditional turf.

Biodiversity

"I think a lot of the clients I have now are looking for something that is more biodiverse, because they equate turf with high resource input," says Barnard. "When homeowners think of turf, they think of lawn mowers and Weed Eaters, and so they should to a certain degree." One of his clients trained dogs in her 15-by-15-metre plot of grass. In her case turf was never going to be a long-lasting or easy-care option, and he recommended artificial or synthetic turf.

Greener than grass

"One man's weed is another man's flower."

Christian Barnard, owner of Victoria, B.C.'s Christian Barnard Land Studio

Synthetic turf

"Synthetic turf has come a long, long way, and it is amazing how real it can look. But if I had my way I tend to steer a lot of my clients into a more biodiverse option for turf," he says.

Wild flowers

Barnard recommends to a lot of clients to let their turf lawns naturalize, which means reducing the mowing and trimming, and allowing native wildflowers to return. He also says he uses a wildflower seed mix instead of turf.

Embrace weeds

With 171 municipalities, and all of Ontario and Quebec, banning pesticide and herbicide use, a certified horticulturalist says homeowners have to develop a tolerance for weeds.

"People are looking at their lawns and what was the status quo and realizing they can't have the green weed-free lawn anymore, and looking for alternatives," says Jason Erb, owner of Victoria's The Gardeners of Oliphant.

Hardscaping

Introducing hardscaping like patios and pathways is another option for reducing lawn space, and Erb says pathways can add flow to a backyard.

Grow edibles

"The other alternative is veggies and pushing the need for edibles in a landscape," he says. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Allowing a lawn to naturalize rather than constantly maintaining a traditional turf lawn is an alternative some experts recommend. CHRISTIAN BARNARD LAND STUDIOS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MAKE YOUR SPRING EXTRA GREEN

DONATE CLOTHES, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AT VALUE VILLAGE

Are you looking for more ways to contribute positively to the environment in your everyday life? Shop second-hand.

The clothing you wear and give away can make a big impact on the environment. On average, each North American throws away more than 30 kilograms (68 pounds) of clothing and textiles each year.

The good news is that nearly 100 per cent of that is reusable or recyclable. So this season while you are combing through your closet, packing away your sweaters and getting out those shorts and T-shirts, make your spring extra green by donating your clothes and household items at Value Village.

"Donating the clothes you don't need anymore is a simple, easy way for anyone to go green in their everyday lives," says Tony Shumpert, vice-president of recycling operations for Value Village. "It might seem like a small contribution, but over time one person can make a really big difference."

Value Village is one of the largest recyclers of used clothing in the world, keeping more than 294,000 metric tonnes (approximately 650 million pounds — that's the size of two cruise ships) of quality goods from landfills by selling reusable items in-store and responsibly recycling items unsuitable for resale.

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Last year, Value Village repurposed 329 million tops, 59 million pairs of shoes, 114 million pairs of pants and 28 million coats.

Of course, second-hand shoppers are just as important as donors. Visiting your local thrift store is a great way to find good quality, one-of-a-kind items for excellent prices. Shoppers can look good and go green at the same time.

"Value Village works with community partners like Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Canadian Diabetes Association to keep goods out of landfills and give pre-loved clothing a brand new life," Shumpert says. "You never know what treasures you'll find — thrift shopping makes recycling fun."

For more, visit valuevillage.com.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

Make room for your fresh new finds by cleaning out the old clothes you don't wear anymore. Value Village pays local non-profits every time you donate, helping to support their programs and services within the community.

"Our goal at Value Village is to support our communities across Canada," says Tony Shumpert, vice-president of recycling operations for Value Village. "We consider community investment an essential component of our business."

Over the past 10 years, Value Village has purchased more than $1.5 billion of goods from its partners, turning otherwise unused items into sustainable funding that supports the non-profit's vital community programs and services.

Helping out the community — now that's truly stylish.

Dig through fashion gold mines

Unique style is a coveted quality. This is true now more than ever thanks to street style blogs like the Sartorialist, Street Peeper, Face Hunter, and many others.

"Second-hand shopping has become the fashionista's secret weapon," says Tony Shumpert, vice-president of recycling operations for Value Village. "You never know what you're going to find there, and sometimes it's a gold mine."

Here's how to find your style at Value Village:

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LOOK FOR HIGH-QUALITY MATERIALS

The fabrics you choose will make a difference in the longevity of your garments. Keep your eyes open for high-quality textiles like silk or wool. These materials wear well, last a long time and never go out of style. Value Village purposely selects high-quality clothing, and puts more than 5,000 to 10,000 new items out every day.

CHECK THE LABEL

Chanel, Nike, Lululemon, Aritzia brands such as Wilfred and TNA — high-quality brand names are frequent finds at Value Village. As you are sifting through the racks, watch the labels. You will find items for $10 that would have originally retailed for hundreds.

TRY IT ON

At Value Village, clothing is arranged by size so you can easily find the best fit for you, but since every item is different, make sure to try it on to find out how it fits.

KNOW WHEN TO SAY NO

Sometimes a clothing item just isn't for you. If it's not quite right, don't buy it. Or if you bought it and you are having second thoughts, bring it back. Value Village welcomes buyers to exchange their purchases within seven days so you can save your pocket money for items that feel just right.

CONSIDER GETTING IT TAILORED

If you find a $5 jacket in just the right shade of blue, but it doesn't quite fit, consider getting it altered at a tailor. It will still cost far less than it would new, and you will have a great piece that will last you for years.

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Cristiano Ronaldo is unquestionably one of the top individual talents of 2014. Scan the image to see some of history's best World Cup performers.

Seitzer has Jays' hit parade crushing foes

MLB. Toronto among league leaders in key offensive statistics under new hitting coach

Blue Jays hitting coach Kevin Seitzer goes over some notes with Jose Bautista during a game against the Orioles on April 24 in Toronto. Under the tutelage of Seitzer, the Jays offence is among the best in the league.
CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto Blue Jays hitting coach Kevin Seitzer usually stands right behind the cage during batting practice while the players take their cuts.

From time to time, he'll move over to the side and will weigh in with a quick tip or two.

It's a comfortable approach that has paid dividends for the American League East division leaders, who boast an offence that is among the best in Major League Baseball.

"I think he's hands-on when he needs to (be), and he sits back and he watches when he needs to," said Blue Jays catcher Erik Kratz. "We have a lot of good hitters here and with good hitters comes success and some streakiness.

"He does a good job of limiting the bad streaks and extending the good streaks."

The team's offensive statistics over the first two months of the campaign have been eye-opening.

Entering Wednesday's games, the Blue Jays led the major leagues in home runs (83) and were second in runs scored (296), RBIs (281), slugging percentage (.451), hits (534) and OPS (on-base plus slugging — .784). Toronto was also tied for second in on-base percentage (.333) and sat fifth in team batting average (.264).

Seitzer keeps a close eye on all the numbers but values some statistical categories more than others.

"Runs scored is the one I'm most concerned about," he said. "If you're scoring runs, whether you do it by home runs, situational hitting, you've got to be able to get on base, draw walks, be able to move runners and get big hits when guys are in scoring position.

"It kind of encompasses everything, really."

The 52-year-old native of Springfield, Ill., was hired by the Blue Jays last fall after spending parts of five seasons as a hitting coach with the Arizona Diamondbacks and Kansas City Royals. He succeeded Chad Mottola, who spent one year in the position.

Seitzer, a two-time all-star as a player, had a .295 career average over 12 seasons with the Royals, Milwaukee Brewers, Oakland Athletics and Cleveland Indians.

As a coach, he has preached the importance of preparation and making hard, consistent contact in the box.

"Have an idea of what the pitcher has got and what he's going to try to do, and then what each guy needs to do in order to have the best chance to succeed," he said of his approach. "I like to keep things simple. I don't like it complicated, they don't want it complicated.

"They've made really good adjustments so far."

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Putting runs on the board

Three Toronto players are in the top 15 in the major leagues in runs scored: Jose Bautista (44 — tied for fourth), Edwin Encarnacion (41 — tied for seventh) and Melky Cabrera (37 — tied for 14th).

Moore-Bertuzzi case

Ex-Canucks owner can be subpoenaed to testify in lawsuit

A U.S. federal judge has ruled a subpoena can be issued compelling the former owner of the Vancouver Canucks to testify in a lawsuit arising from Todd Bertuzzi's career-ending attack on Steve Moore.

Moore's lawyer, Tim Danson, argued a jury should be able to hear John McCaw Jr. answer whether he knew Canucks players were gunning for Moore.

Moore is suing Bertuzzi and the Canucks for $38 million for a 2004 on-ice hit that left Moore with a concussion and three fractured vertebrae. THE CANADIAN PRESS

World Cup

Ronaldo hobbling ahead of Brazil

Portugal says forward Cristiano Ronaldo has tendinitis in his left leg to go with a left leg muscle injury as the team prepares for its World Cup opener on June 16 against Germany.

Ronaldo, the world player of the year, helped Real Madrid win the Champions League last month despite being hampered by leg injuries. Portugal is in the U.S., where it will play Mexico Friday and Ireland next week in friendlies before heading to Brazil.
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Cristiano Ronaldo GETTY IMAGES

Sterling agrees to sell Clippers: Attorney

Shelly Sterling and Donald Sterling are one step closer to being the former owners of the Clippers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling agreed Wednesday to sign off on selling the team to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer for what would be a record $2 billion, according to his attorney.

Sterling "has made an agreement with the NBA to resolve all their differences," and as co-owner has given his consent to a deal that was negotiated by his wife, Shelly Sterling, to sell the team, said attorney Maxwell Blecher.

Representatives for Shelly Sterling declined to comment. The NBA also declined to comment on Wednesday afternoon.

Donald Sterling filed a $1-billion suit against the NBA in federal court last week alleging the league violated his constitutional rights by relying on information from an "illegal" recording that publicized racist remarks he made to a girlfriend. It also says the league committed a breach of contract by fining Sterling $2.5 million and that it violated antitrust laws by trying to force a sale.

Blecher said the suit will be dismissed. If the NBA owners approve the sale, it will be a record-high sum for a team that cost Donald Sterling about $12 million in 1981. Blecher's co-counsel, Bobby Samini, said the vote by league owners is expected to take place in mid-July.
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Best bid

Steve Ballmer beat out bids by Guggenheim Partners and a group including former NBA all-star Grant Hill.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
What happens today may convince you that you have allowed yourself to be lulled into a false sense of security but even if it's true it is no big deal. You're smart enough to handle whatever fate sends your way.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Why are you trying to do everything the hard way? Not only is it unnecessary but it could also be self-defeating. Be who you are, not who you think others want you to be.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
A challenge will confront you today but you will overcome it with ease. Take action quickly and don't doubt for a moment that you will succeed. Good things are coming your way.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
It is important that you think things through carefully today. There is a danger that you will act hastily and regret it later, so slow down, think about what it is you want to do and work slowly towards that goal.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Something will happen today to make you wonder if you've been too hasty in reaching certain conclusions. Just because some people have a way of life that is radically different to your own does not make them bad.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It may feel as if you're under the thumb at home and work, but there is no point getting stressed about it. Wait for the cosmic outlook to change, which it should do any day.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You're in an adventurous mood but this may not be the best time to venture into areas you don't know about. Wait until the full moon on the 13th has come and gone before moving out of your comfort zone.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Stay calm and keep telling yourself that everything will turn out right in the end. Above all don't allow yourself to get worked up about money matters. There is no reason at all to fear the worst.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Things may get bumpy over the next day or two but if you sit tight the turbulence will pass. If others want to throw tantrums that's up to them. You are under no obligation to follow their example.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Current influences highlight the need to be efficient, to get the most from yourself for the least input of time and energy. Pace yourself and look for ways to get from A to B simply.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A clash of egos could get rather heated over the next 24 hours, but the results should be positive. Hopefully it will get you thinking in new and more profitable directions.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your world will be rocked by what happens over the next few days but later you will look back and realize it was all for the best. Ultimately all change is good for you. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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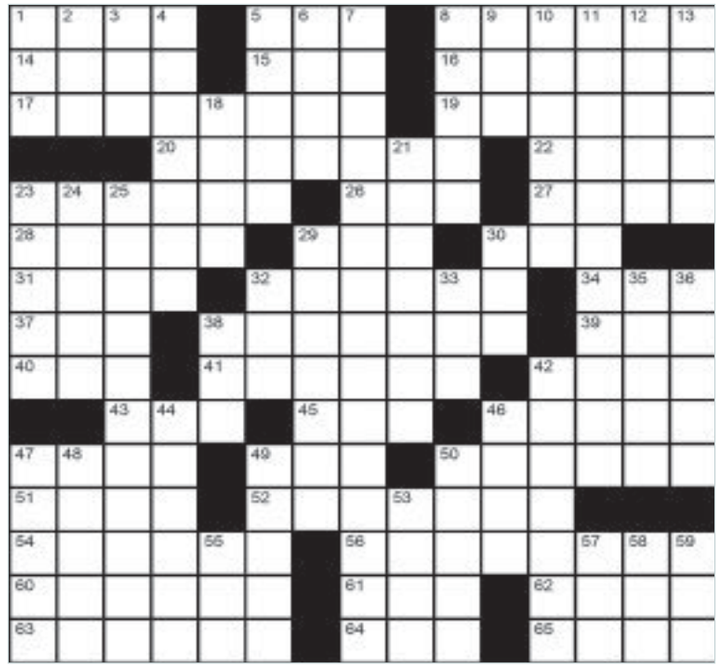


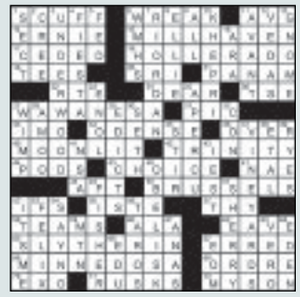
Across

1. Hamilton actor, Jonathan __ (b.1924 - d.2012 ...see #17-Across and #11-Down)
5. Pal
8. Book buyer
14. Jane __
15. Mined mineral
16. Refined
17. Vampire on #11-Down, __ Collins (Johnny Depp resurrected the role in the 2012 movie version)
19. Barber's shave-ees
20. Grand
22. Gull-like bird
23. David Bowie's "Space __"
26. Firearm
27. Glimpse
28. "Groovy!"
29. Advantages
30. Grey hue
31. Jealousy
32. Ed of "Modern Family"
34. Basic bug
37. "Take __, _ insist!"
38. "Do the __": Hit for #25-Down
39. Agnus __ (Lamb of God)
40. But, Latin-style
41. Keith Urban hit: 2 wds.
42. Peace bird
43. Roll
45. Feeling flu-ish
46. Strength
47. Mideast chieftain, variantly
49. Crossword band
50. Population count
51. NFL's Ravens city, for short
52. __-Windsor Tunnel
54. Sea __ (Aquatic creature)
56. Yukon's most northerly point, __ Island
60. Meathead's wife
61. "Yikes!"
62. Eddy __ (One of 'The Buyers' on CBC's "Four Rooms")
63. England's ancient invaders
64. Toronto's Yonge, et. al.
65. Safecracker

Down

1. Aquarian's mo.
2. Scandinavian rug
3. Flawed in a way [abbr.]
4. Concentration
5. British police officer
6. Russian river
7. Fare featured on based-in-Toronto channel Fashion Television: 2 wds.
8. Singer/actor Mr. Blades
9. Afore
10. Puts down
11. Gothic series of 1966 to 1971 on which #1-Across starred as the character at #17-Across: 2 wds.
12. Result in: 2 wds.
13. Pronounce once more
18. Manual's opposite
21. Evita or Hair
23. Three Dog Night: "__ __ the loneliest number..."
24. Al __ (Pasta preference)
25. Montreal-born singer/songwriter: 2 wds. (More at #38-Across)
29. How laundry might accumulate: 3 wds.
30. Supermodel Carol
32. War on Poverty agcy.
33. Roman Myth: Household deity
35. Nephew: French
36. Levels
38. Alphabet sequence
42. There, there ...your makeup will run.": 2 wds.
44. Joint: Prefix
46. Shar-__ (Some dogs)
47. "_ __ Life" (1998)
48. Actress Ms. Gibbs
49. Writer Ms. Ferber's
50. Wine stoppers
53. Jackie Wilson's "__ Petite"
55. "Am _ __ your way?"
57. Furrow maker
58. Baby bird's birthplace
59. Account

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	3		5		7		9	
		5				3		
	2		4		9		6	
	9	3				5	8	
8								9
	4	7				6	3	
	7		3		8		4	
		1				7		
	6		2		1		5	

Yesterday's Sudoku

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